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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. William G. Hyland
Chairman, USC Subcommittee on
Foreign Affairs Research

SUBJECT : Release of Unclassified Data on the
People's Republic of China (PRC)

1. In your memorandum of 2 July you requested the release of certain unclassified CIA materials on the PRC to the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) for reproduction and sale to interested private researchers. I am pleased to inform you of the steps we are taking to make these materials available to private researchers.

2. Magnetic tapes of the following unclassified computer files will be made available to NTIS:

AEGIS Subject File (China FBIS portion only)

Appearances and Activities of Leading Personalities
of the People's Republic of China

CHIP Political File

CHIP Contacts File

Criticize Lin Criticize Confucius (bibliography)



3. We plan to forward these tapes to NTIS semiannually, with the first delivery to occur in August 1975 and the second in February 1976. I understand that Mr. Edward G. Griffin (INR) has dealt with NTIS, and that he and (CIA/CRS) are prepared to work out the details involved.

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4. The nonbibliographic portion of the Criticize Lin Criticize Confucius file will not be furnished to NTIS because it consists mainly of classified references and the number of unclassified items in it is not large enough to constitute an adequate data base for research purposes.

5. People's Republic of China: International Trade Handbook is already available to the academic community through the Document Expediting Project (DOCEX) of the Library of Congress. DOCEX provides its subscribers, usually university and private libraries, with Government publications not available from the issuing office or the Government Printing Office. Non-subscribers may purchase single copies from the Photoduplication Service, Library of Congress.

6. People's Republic of China Economic Indicators is a one-page unclassified chart that has been updated from time to time for inclusion in various irregularly produced classified publications. OER/CIA is currently planning to prepare an unclassified economic handbook on the PRC that will contain essentially the same data that was included in the chart, plus considerably more. This handbook will also be made available to the academic community through DOCEX, which seems to eliminate the need to furnish the chart to NTIS.

Incidentally,
7. *AO* Do you think it ~~might also~~ be useful for USC/FAR to publicize the other unclassified CIA publications on China that are available to the public through DOCEX and NTIS? If so, I will be happy to provide an up-to-date list.

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